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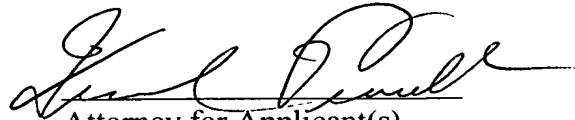
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Preliminary Amendment

This Request for Continued Examination has been filed in order for the Examiner to consider the amendment previously filed in the subject application. The prior amendment after final was not entered as the Examiner has stated that it raises new issues that require further consideration and search. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as currently set forth are distinguishable from the prior art in that the display device, after receipt, displays images without any further user intervention. As set forth in Figure 5 and the description at page 11, line 22 through page 12, line 17 clearly provides support of the receipt and the displaying without any user intervention and is consistent with the specification at page 4, lines 9 and 10 where the DMF allows the user to display at least one digital image with minimal user intervention, for example not requiring any further action upon receipt of the images to the user, thus, the automatically displaying of images upon receipt in accordance with pre-programmed desires of the user.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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